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SUBJ: ALGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SPANISH SAHARA

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1. ALGERIAN MEDIA REPORTING OF KING HASSAN'S PRESS
CONFERENCE WAS LIMITED TO SMALL, FACTUAL ITEMS ON
INSIDE PAGES OF SEPTEMBER 18 "EL MOUDJAHID" AND
"LA REPUBLIQUE."

2. WE HAVE HAD NO DIRECT ALGERIAN REACTIONS TO EVOLU-
TION OF SAHARAN PROBLEM SINCE THOSE REPORTED REFS B AND
C BEYOND REPORT FROM UK AMBASSADOR THAT ACCORDING
TO ALGERIAN DCM IN RABAT, ALGERIANS ARE HIGHLY
EMBARRASSED BY ISSUE AND HOPE IT WILL BE KEPT BELOW
CONFRONTATION LEVEL AT THIS TIME. IT HAS APPEARED TO
US THAT GOA WAS CONTENT TO ALLOW SPANISH PLAN FOR
REFERENDUM IN MID-1975 TO PROCEED WITHOUT ANY ACTIVE
ALGERIAN INVOLVEMENT. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE HEARD
REPORTS OF SOME REINFORCEMENT OF ALGERIAN MILITARY
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CAPABILITY IN TINDOUF AREA, PERHAPS IN ORDER TO INDICATE

CONCERN WITH PROBLEM AND TO FORESTALL USE OF
ALGERIAN TERRITORY BY ANY REGULAR OR IRREGULAR FORCES
WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE TEMPTED TO DO SO.

3. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW ALGERIANS WILL REACT TO
KING HASSAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE. INsofar AS IT REPRESENTS
MOROCCAN DECISION TO SEEK POLITICAL RATHER THAN
MILITARY SOLUTION, ALGERIANS WILL WELCOME IT. GOA,
HOWEVER, HAS CONSISTENTLY SPOKEN OUT FOR RAPID
DECOLONIZATION OF AREA AND WOULD NOT WANT TO BE IN
POSITION OF CONDONING ACTION WHICH WOULD INDEFINITELY
POSTPONE REFERENDUM THAT SPAIN HAS ALREADY AGREED TO
HOLD.

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